

REMARKS

Claims 29-47 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

On pages 2-10 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 29-47 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Katayama (U.S. Patent 5,902,115). The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By way of review, Katayama discloses a disk information file 76 and movie or music files 78. The disk information file 76 includes information on sequences of titles to be played from within the movie or music files 78, and image data used to construct a menu to select the titles to be played. (Col. 8, line 24 to col. 9, line 14 and lines 22-36; FIGs. 4 and 5). While the files 78 individually include audio, video, and subpictures indicated by the disk information file 76, there is no indication that the disk information file 76 includes audio data which is reproduced with video and subpictures of the movie or music files 78 according to information in the disk information file 76.

Additionally, each movie or music file 78 includes corresponding audio, video, and subpictures to be played together in a particular sequence after being selected using the menu. As shown in FIGs. 6-8, the video data area 102 includes data cells 105, with each data cell 105 including an arrangement of packs including a control pack 92, a video pack 93, a sub-picture pack 95, and an audio pack 98. The control pack 92 controls the reproduction of the video pack 93, a sub-picture pack 95, and an audio pack 98. (Col. 10, line 22 to col. 11, line 10). However, as shown, the audio pack 98 is stored within a same cell as the video pack 93 and the sub-picture pack 95 and are reproduced using the control pack 92 and the file management information 101 of the same file 78 containing the audio pack 98 and the video and sub-picture packs 93, 95. There is no suggestion that the audio pack 98 of another file 98 is utilized while the video and sub-picture packs 93, 95 are displayed, or that the video and sub-picture packs 93, 95 of the file 98 are reproduced according to file management information 101 of another file 98 storing the audio being reproduced.

In contrast, claim 29 recites, among other features, "a controller which reproduces the audio data and the catalog information according to the read catalog playback information, the catalog playback information connecting the audio data and the catalog information to be reproduced during reproduction of the audio data" where the storage medium includes "an audio area including at least one audio title set (ATS) ... [and] catalog playback information which is

stored in the audio area and which is related to the audio data stored in the ATS." Claim 29 further recites that "a predetermined area other than the audio area ... includes a catalog management (CMG) region having management information on catalog information, and a catalog title set (CTS) having at least one catalog title including the catalog information related to each item of the audio data." As such, it is respectfully submitted that Katayama does not disclose or suggest the features of claim 29.

For at least similar reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Katayama does not disclose or suggest the features of claims 33 and 38.

Additionally, while Katayama discloses using a RAM section 52 to store the reproduced data including the video, audio, and sub-picture data prior to being decoded by the decoder sections 58, 60, 62, there is no suggestion that the RAM section 52 stores the reproduced video data prior to the audio data being reproduced. In contrast, claim 37 recites, among other features, that "the controller controls the playback signal processing unit to read the catalog information from the second predetermined area and to store the read catalog information in the buffer prior to reading the audio data from the first predetermined area, and reproduces the buffered catalog information while reproducing the read audio data according to the read catalog playback information." As such, it is respectfully submitted that Katayama does not disclose or suggest the features of claim 37.

For at least similar reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Katayama does not disclose or suggest the features of claim 47.

Claims 30-32, 34-36, and 39-46 are deemed patentable due at least to their depending from corresponding claims 29, 33, and 38.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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